[Mr. G. Raman Menon.]

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to do the needful for removing the long-standing grievance?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*d*) Government have since sanctioned the grant of a personal allowance to each of the teachers concerned to cover the difference in their pay, with effect from the 1st Tulam 1098.

(*c*) It is reported that no representation of the kind referred to in part (*a*) of the question has been received from any of the teachers.

Fee Concessions to Sea Coast Christians.

172. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the various communities to which full fee concession and those to which half-fee concession has been granted?

(*b*) What are the considerations that have induced the Government to grant such concessions and why do the same not hold good in the case of sea-coast Christians?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether sea-coast Christians were at any time as a class granted any sort of fee concessions? If so, why has such concession been withdrawn?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Member is referred to G. O. R. Dis. No. 463 of 24/Leg. E., dated the 15th May 1924, published on pages 248, 249 and 250 of the Education Sheet of the *Government Gazette*, dated the 20th May 1924. The Veerasaiva community has since then been declared backward in respect of Vernacular and English education and the Telugu Chetty and the Salia communities in respect of English education only.

(*b*) The main considerations which have induced the Government to grant such concessions are poverty and backwardness in point of education. These hold good in the case of sea-coast Christians as well and such of them as belong to one or other of the backward communities mentioned in the G. O. quoted above are eligible for it.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

Qualifications of Teachers employed in Malayalam Schools.

173. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether candidates holding Tamil Higher, Tamil Elementary, Lower Secondary and Matriculation certificates without Malayalam even as optional subjects are qualified to teach Malayalam in Vernacular Schools, aided or departmental?

(*b*) If not qualified, have such teachers been employed in such schools?

(*c*) If such be employed—

(i) have they been exempted under any specific order; and

(ii) on what considerations have they been allowed to teach Malayalam?

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(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of such teachers in such schools in South Travancore, their qualifications, and the classes engaged by them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) 9 such teachers are employed in private, and none in departmental, schools.

(*c*) (i) No.

(ii) The managers of the schools concerned made the appointments; but the department is insisting upon such teachers being replaced by duly qualified men as early as possible.

(*d*) The information required by the Member is given below :—

Qualification.	*No. of teachers.*	*Classes taught.*
Lower Secondary	5	I to IV
Special Upper Primary	1	I
Vernacular School Leaving	3	I & II

Improvement of the Attingal-Varkala and Chirayinkil-Venjaramood Traces.

174. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the necessity of improving the Dalavapuram (Attingal to Varkala) trace and Chirayinkil-Venjaramood trace ; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action they have taken or propose to take towards the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes. The Chief Engineer has reported that the Dalavapuram trace consists of three sections, *viz.*,

(1) Kollampuzha to Nilakkamukku ... $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles

(2) Nilakkamukku to the Moongode Church landing ... $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles

(3) Moongode Church landing to Dalavapuram ... $\frac{3}{4}$ mile

and that the trace is now maintained with an annual grant of Rs. 10 a mile. He has recommended the improvement of the trace, section by section, and the necessary estimates are under preparation.

The Chirayinkil-Venjaramood trace is reported to be only a footpath. The Chief Engineer reports that an estimate is under preparation for improving the same.

Audit Report of the Ayurveda Pharmacy.

175. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*) : With reference to the audi report of the Ayurveda Pharmacy referred to in questions Nos. 2 and 157 asked by Mr. Changanachery K. Parameswaran Pillai at th meetings of the Council held on the 1st November, 1923 and 18t January, 1924, respectively, will the Government be pleased to state ;

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